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NEW RESTRICTIONS ON ROUTE 624 IN WARREN COUNTY *Through Trucks and All Vehicles Over 5 Tons Prohibited*

STAUNTON – The Virginia Department of Transportation has prohibited through traffic of large commercial trucks on part of Route 624 (Morgan Ford Road) in Warren County near Front Royal. In addition, the weight limit of the low-water bridge over the Shenandoah River has been lowered to five tons, based on its most recent inspection and current condition.

At the request of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, VDOT conducted a traffic analysis and found that Route 624 between Route 643 (Howellsville Road) and Route 661 (Fairground Road) was inconsistent with the safety of through trucks. The restrictions are posted on new signs at those intersections so affected drivers can choose an alternate route.

The single-lane Morgan Ford bridge was built in 1925 and was not designed to handle heavy loads. Signs warning of the new weight restriction will be erected on Wednesday, October 30. A public hearing on the plan to replace the bridge is scheduled for February 2014.

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